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FOR SECRETARY FROM MURPHY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, LE, IS, SY PLO
SUBJECT: SOTY LEBANON SITUATION

REF: BEIRUT 1576

1. HAD MOST USEFUL REVIEW OF PRESENT SITUATION
IN SOUTH LEBANON WITH PARKER DURING HIS BRIEF VISIT TO
DAMASCUS TODAY. I HAD NOT THEN READ BEIRUT 1576 BUT
DID MAKE POINT TO PARKER IT SEEMED TO ME THAT LEBANESE
LEADERSHIP, PARTICULARLY SARKIS, SHOULD BE IN TOUCH
DIRECTLY WITH ASAD ABOUT SITUATION IN SOUTH IF THEY ARE
CONVIENCED THAT WHOLE LEBANESE HOUSE OF CARDS IS THREATENED.
I BELIEVE USE OF SARKIS-ASAD CONNECTION FAR MORE
PROMISING OF SUCCESS IN BRINGING ASAD TO PRESSURE
THE PALESTINIANS TO A STANDSTILL THAN USG PRESSURE,
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WHETHER EXERTED HERE OR IN OTHER ARAB CAPITALS. IF
SARKIS HAS NOT ALREADY TELEPHONED DAMASCUS
ASKING ASAD FOR HELP, IT IS TIME HE DID SO.

2. TALKING POINTS IN STATE 76882 I DELIVERED TO DAOUDI YESTER-
DAY, I BELIEVE, WERE WELL PHRASED. PARKER AND I AGREED
IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL WHEN DISCUSSING THE MILITARY SITUATION

WITH SYRIANS TO BE MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE
TO LEBANESE CHRISTIANS OF ANY ONE CENTER, SUCH AS MARJAYOUN.
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